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SUBJ: MURTOPO SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS PRIBUMI/NON-PRIBUMI ISSUE

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1. EMBASSY MAY BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF MURTOPO
SPEECH RELATED TO SUBJECT TREATED REFTEL.

2. ON SUNDAY AT PANDAAN EAST JAVA, LT. GEN. ALI MURTOPO
SPOKE TO MEMBERS OF THE STAFFS OF PNP'S AND PLANTATIONS' AGENCIES
IN EAST JAVA. THE SPEECH HAS BEEN FULLY COVERED BY AT LEAST
TWO LOCAL INDONESIAN LANGUAGE PAPERS (SURABAYA POS AND DJAWA
POS). THE DJAWA POS GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO MURTOPO'S
REMARKS ON THE PRIBUMI/NON-PRIBUMI ISSUE.

3. MURTOPO TOLD AUDIENCE THAT PEOPLE WHO CONTROVERSIALIZE THE
PRIBUMI VS. NON-PRIBUMI ISSUE ARE TROUBLE MAKERS. HE ADDED THAT
ETHNIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT TO
IDENTIFY REAL (ASLI) INDONESIANS, WHO CAN ONLY BE FOUND AMONG
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ISOLATED TRIBES IN AREAS LIKE IRIAN JAYA. IF THE CHINESE ARE

FORBIDDEN TO ENTER CERTAIN FIELDS, THEN THE ONLY CAREERS OPEN TO THEM ARE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. MOREOVER, IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL, THE PRIBUMI VS. NON-PRIBUMI ISSUE IS IRRELEVANT. THERE ARE NO FIRST OR SECOND CLASS CITIZENS IN INDONESIA. HE CALLED THE PRIBUMI ISSUE A SETBACK IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY (BHINEKA TUNGGAL EKA).

4. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE THREE AND ONE-HALF HOUR SPEECH WAS FRAMED IN LANGUAGE APPROVING OF MURTOPO AND HIS THEMES.
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